

Gyro District VIII – Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Calgary, Alberta on July 28, 2023

- ❖ The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Governor, Ken Williamson at 9am
- ❖ Edmonton Member, Larry Dobson gave the Invocation.
- ❖ Governor, Ken Williamson thanked the Calgary Gyro club for hosting the convention this year. He then asked for a moment of silence to remember those Gyros who are no longer with us. He went on to welcome International President Peter Carter and Past International Presidents, Alan Pentney, Marty Larson, and Dale Woodroffe. As well PDGs, Larry Fenton, Al Clark, Jim Malott, Derm Jackman, and Ken Baker were welcomed.
- ❖ Credentials and roll call by Secretary Treasurer Ken Baker determined there was a quorum.
- ❖ PIP, Marty Larson advised that Roberts Rules of Order would apply during this meeting.
- ❖ Motion that the minutes of the 2022 AGM be accepted. Moved by Derm Jackman and seconded by Jack Bowen. Carried. No new business arising from.
- ❖ Peter Carter gave greetings from International.
 - He noted that the membership committee headed up by International Vice President Mike Eisner and PIP, Larry Duba have been active in trying to come up with new ideas that will encourage people to join,
 - He advised that changes will be made to the Gyro International Constitution to cap membership dues paid by large clubs to 50,
 - Gyro International has recently experienced copyright problems where some of our members have illegally used images that are copyrighted. Some discussion surrounding this issue followed,
 - District realignment is currently being reviewed but nothing new is in place currently,
 - The Website now includes 7 podcasts explaining Gyro (what its about, Gyro experiences, etc.).
- ❖ Reports by District Executives were received. Lt Governor, Dunc Mills shared his experiences on the District executive so far. IPDG, Sid Slade spoke briefly about the challenges of getting a candidate to serve as Lt Governor of District VIII. Governor Ken Williamson talked about officiating at the Joint Installation of the Calgary and Stampede City clubs. He also spoke of his visits to Calgary club events (Bingo and Spring Brunch).
- ❖ Club reports were presented by Presidents of the Gyro clubs in attendance. All clubs are experiencing membership challenges but continue to get together to enjoy each others company.
- ❖ Finance report for the year 2022-23 was presented by Secretary Treasurer, Ken Baker. There was discussion about the financials, and whether dues would be assessed for the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- ❖ Governor Ken Williamson brought up the issue of the Convention to be held in 2024. There was discussion regarding who would host, where (perhaps Canmore, Fairmont, or Las Vegas) and when it would be held. The question was asked if all clubs had been specifically asked to host. Further investigation will be required.

- ❖ Sherwood Park and Edmonton will be hosting the 2025 Gyro International Convention. Currently they are contemplating an Alaskan cruise as the venue for the Convention. There was much discussion regarding the merits of hosting a convention on a cruise ship.
- ❖ Governor, Ken Williamson advised the membership that the Edmonton Crossroads club will be surrendering their International charter.
- ❖ PDG Derm Jackman made a motion that if the Calgary club lost money at the 2023 Convention, District VIII would subsidize the loss to a maximum of \$2,000. That motion was seconded and unanimously passed.
- ❖ Lt Governor Dunc presented the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. After some discussion it was finally decided to re-introduce dues of \$40 per member. Motion was made to accept the budget as presented. Carried!
- ❖ Nominations for District Office are Ken Williamson for IPDG, Dunc Mills for Governor, and Ted Ewanchuk for Lt Governor. Incoming Governor, Dunc announced that Ken Baker would be appointed Secretary Treasurer for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- ❖ Awards
 - Man-mile award won by Edmonton Club
 - Membership award won by Wallace Club
 - Bulletin award won by Ken Baker of the Calgary Club
- ❖ Governor Ken Williamson announced Upcoming International conventions
- ❖ PIP, Dale Woodroffe presented resolutions for the good of Gyro.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned

Ken Baker: Secretary Treasurer